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SUBJECT: INDONESIA - WIDJAJA DISCUSSION ON SAMPLE SHARING

1.(SBU) Dr. Widjaja Lukito, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Health told us on November 11 that Ministry of Health officials are concerned that the current U.S. administration may no longer have a role in sample sharing discussions and in the World Health Organization Intergovernmental Meeting scheduled in December. Widjaja asked whether President-elect Obama's transition team would be represented at the IGM meeting and whether they would be involved in sample sharing discussions. We advised that the current administration remains in charge of United States policy until the Presidential inauguration on January 20. It was in United States and Indonesia's mutual interests to resolve remaining differences on our sample sharing positions before the IGM lest the issue drag on throughout much of 2009. We noted that the current U.S. team involved in sample sharing discussions is well-versed on the issue, while the transition team had not yet focused on sample sharing. We also emphasized that a new Secretary of Health and Human Services would likely prefer to start a relationship based on positive partnership opportunities.

12. (SBU) Widjaja remarked that upon a cursory review, the Indonesians felt that our draft Materials Transfer Agreement (MTA) presented at the September 21-22 meeting in Manila did not appear to reflect discussions from the July 25-27 meeting in Sydney. Widjaja noted that the Indonesians would be meeting on November 18-19 to thoroughly go over our draft material transfer agreement and other documents provided and would provide us with official feedback. He expressed openness to the possibility of conducting a digital video conference during the week of November 24, to resolve remaining issues.

13. (SBU) Widjaja advised that a number of the countries represented through the Third World Network were suspicious of the U.S.-Indonesian side meetings on sample sharing. He planned to meet with these countries a day before the IGM meeting in order to alleviate concerns.

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